

AFFIDAVIT OF FREDERICK PAUL RICHARDS

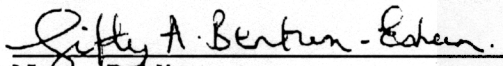
I, Frederick Paul Richards, state that:

1. I have prepared my direct testimony, submitted on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company (Mass. Electric) on December 15, 2003 in the proceeding to determine that a proposed 23 kv distribution line in the Towns of Groveland and Georgetown is necessary and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest.
2. I hereby swear that the information contained in my direct testimony is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.



Frederick Paul Richards
Principal Environmental Engineer
Environmental Engineer
National Grid USA Service Company, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 12th day of December, 2003.


Notary Public

GIFTY A. BENTUM-ESHUN
Notary Public
My Commission Expires
May 17, 2007